

ENVIRONMENT AND ETHICS – ELLIE DIBBEN

THE MANIFESTO

DIVESTMENT

The Divestment campaign at St. Hilda's has made huge, with the college taking positive steps toward being fossil free. In order to ensure the success of the campaign, continuity and a clear strategy are the most important things.

I have been involved in the campaign since Michaelmas and am up to date with its progress. I plan to spend the summer educating myself further about divestment.

I will thus continue to support the existing committee through coordinating meetings of the "Divestment Working Group", representing the JCR at governing body meetings, arranging such meetings, hosting speakers, and events, and ensuring that the campaign remains strong during the handover period.

DUSTBINS

Waste is perhaps one of the greatest challenges facing our environment, and therefore I will prioritise the ideas of "reduce, reuse and recycle".

Building upon Alice's work, I will continue discussions with the kitchen about take away containers with the view of finding a more recyclable alternative and promote the use of students' own plates for take-away meals.

I will seek to improve the ease of recycling for both students and scouts, with an additional focus upon the disposal of food waste.

I am also interested in the possibility of biodegradable bin liners and plan to research this and create a proposal for Michaelmas.

DINNER

The consumption of food is an important site of environmental and ethical concern.

At present little is known about the source of food sold in hall. I will work with the kitchen to promote sustainable and "ethical" products, focusing on fair trade, slavery and the origins of animal products.

As livestock account for 18% of greenhouse gas emissions and are not raised "ethically", the promotion of vegetarian and vegan lifestyles has many benefits. I fully support the individual's right to choose, and would therefore seek to improve the quality and content of vegetarian and vegan meals to make them more appealing. I would also aim to invite speakers and screen films to share information on this often overlooked topic.

GREEN WEEK

After the success of this year's Green Week I will continue and expand the event to raise the profile of E&E and connect with other colleges.



CRUELTY FREE CLEANING

As an "ethical" college, St. Hilda's should not support animal testing. I will aim to ensure that all cleaning supplies are cruelty free.

TWO YEARS OF CAMPAIGNS EXPERIENCE WITH GIRLGUIDING UK, OUSU LGBT CAMPAIGN ARTS OFFICER, CO-FOUNDER OF START (STUDENTS AND REFUGEES TOGETHER), ENVIRONMENTAL AND ETHICAL VEGAN, BELIEVER IN PERSONAL CHOICE, ADMIRER OF THE GREEN PARTY.